

# Optimizing Neutral Atom Rearrangement Times using the HiPARS Sorting Library

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Quantum Computing Demonstrator



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# Neutral Atom Quantum Computing Setup at MPQ

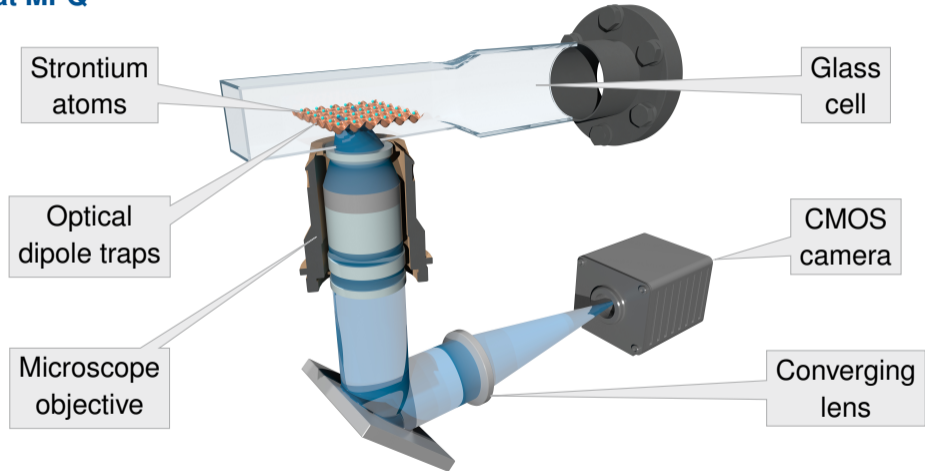
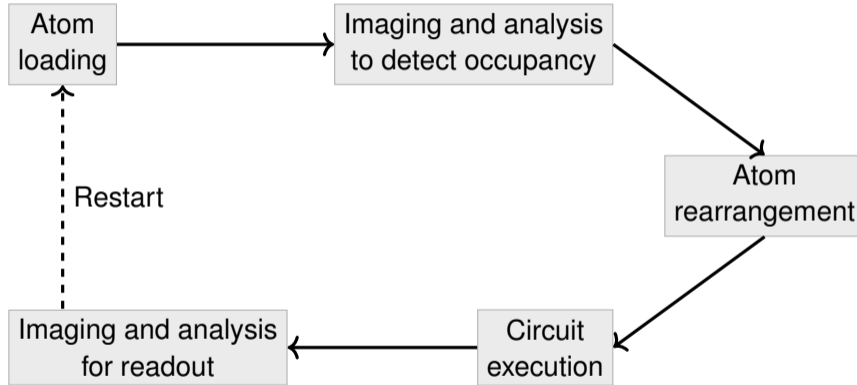


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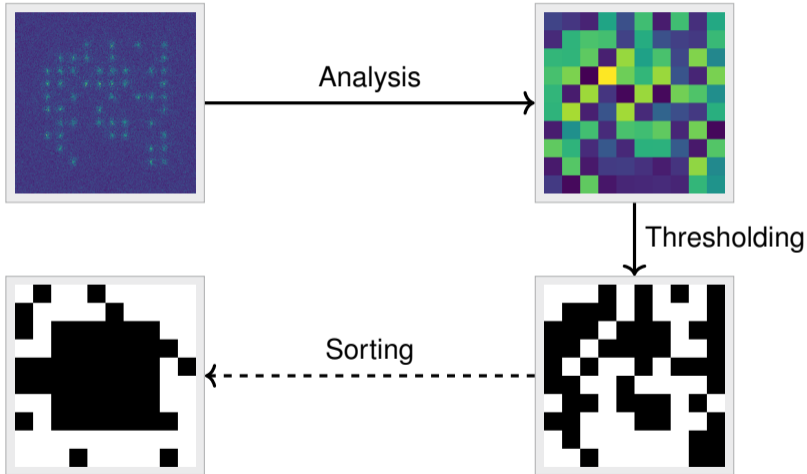
# Neutral Atom Quantum Computing

## Compute Cycle



# Neutral Atom Quantum Computing

## Imaging and Analysis

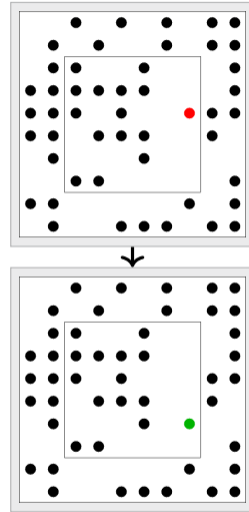


# Neutral Atom Quantum Computing

## Sorting

Sorting time may represent significant fraction of cycle time

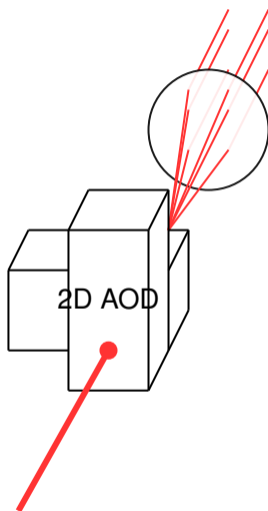
- Time per move  $\approx 0.1ms - 1ms$
- Number of moves  $\propto N^{1.16}$  for N target sites [Tian et al., 2022]
- Sorting times up to several 100ms for few hundred qubits



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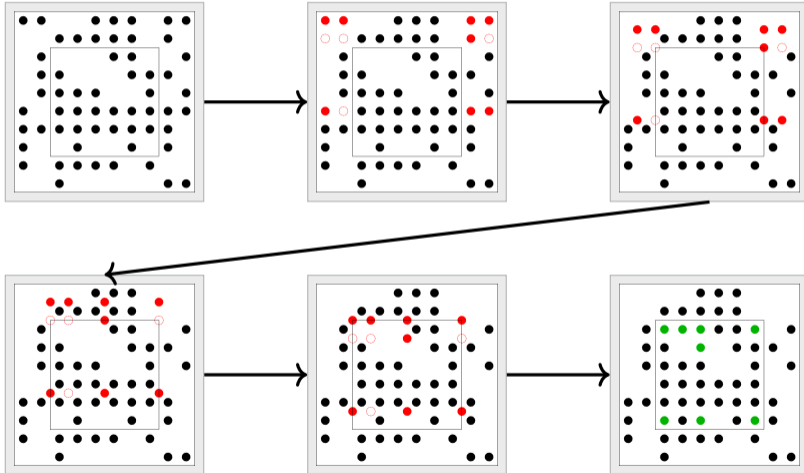
## Parallelized Sorting

- Address atoms in parallel
- Two AODs that can be fed frequencies independently
- Selection of rows  $f_h = \{f_{h,1}, \dots, f_{h,i}\}$  and columns  $f_v = \{f_{v,1}, \dots, f_{v,j}\}$  produces traps at Cartesian product  $f_h \times f_v$ .



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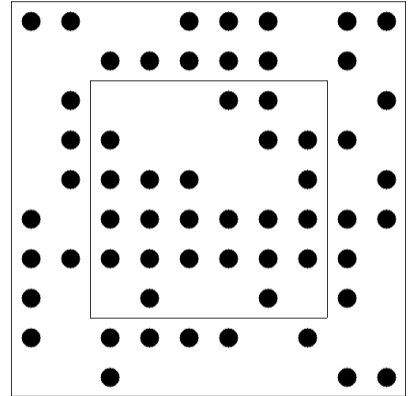
# Parallel Tweezer Sorting Algorithm

- Input
  - Initial state array
  - Target geometry
  - Various setup parameters
- Returns list of moves that produce desired target state
- Greedy approach that executes best move at each step
- C++ library with Python wrapper
- Excels with unconstrained movement between rows and columns

# Parallel Tweezer Sorting Algorithm

## Move

Sequence of frequencies for the horizontal and vertical AOD.



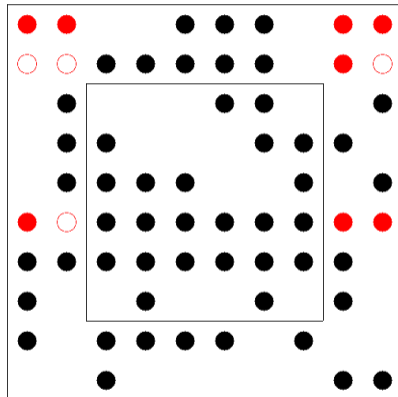
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Ramp up starting frequencies:

- Rows: {0, 1, 5}
- Columns: {0, 1, 8, 9}
- Ramp up amplitude



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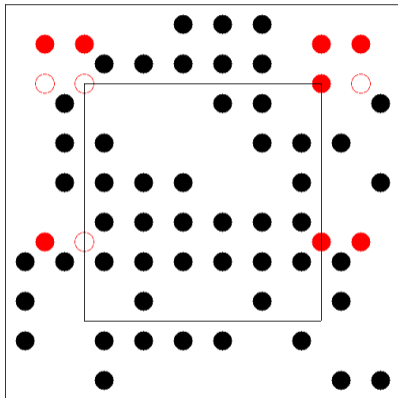
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First step:

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■ Columns: {0.5, 1.5, 7.5, 8.5}



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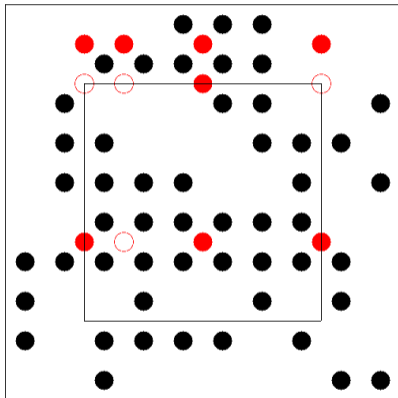
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Second step:

■ Rows: {0.5, 1.5, 5.5}

■ Columns: {1.5, 2.5, 4.5, 7.5}



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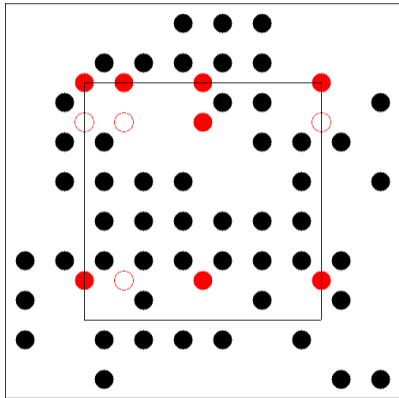
## Move

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Third step:

■ Rows: {1.5, 2.5, 6.5}

■ Columns: {1.5, 2.5, 4.5, 7.5}



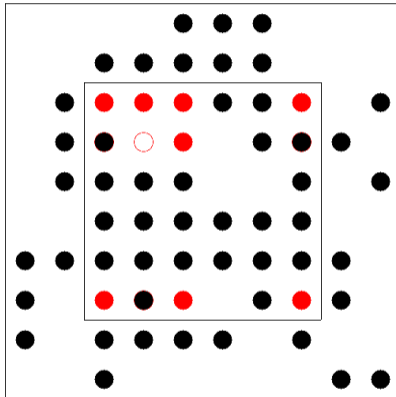
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Four step:

- Rows: {2, 3, 7}
- Columns: {2, 3, 4, 7}



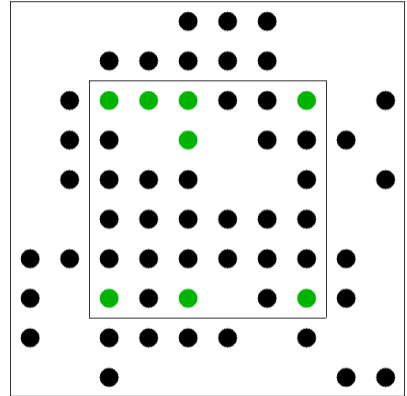
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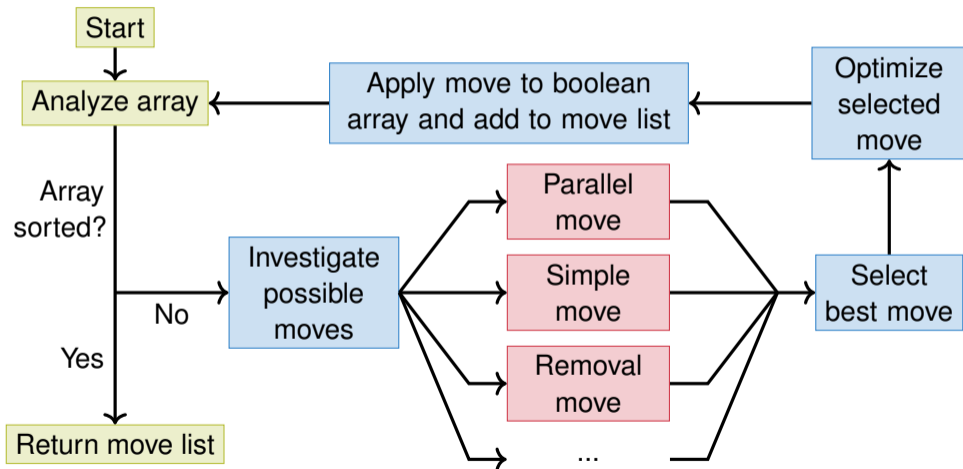
After last step:

- Rows: {2, 3, 7}
- Columns: {2, 3, 4, 7}
- Ramp down amplitude



# Parallel Tweezer Sorting Algorithm

## Workflow



# Parallel Tweezer Sorting Algorithm

## Fitness function

How to select the "best" move?

- Most target sites filled per time spent
- Requires configurable function  $t_m(d)$  that describes time to execute move

We offer four configuration options  $c, c_s, l, r$ :

$$t_m(d) = c + \sum_{i=0}^n (c_s + d_i \cdot l + \sqrt{d_i} \cdot r) \quad (1)$$

where  $d_i$  describes the maximum distance that any traps moves during step  $i$ .

# Parallel Tweezer Sorting Algorithm

## Move Optimization

- Adding new row or column that improves move
- Relatively simple and fast, can improve any type of move
  
- Adding an independent atom by adding a row and column
- Slower, thus limited to only independent atoms
- Improves sorting towards the end

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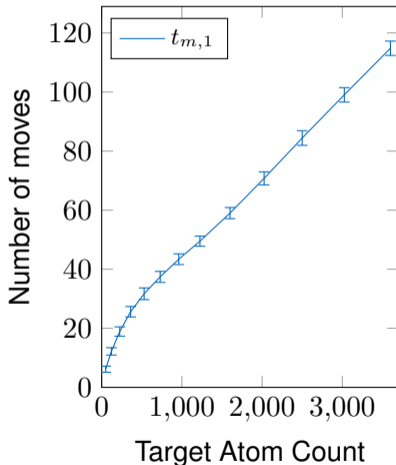
## Results - Move Count

Average move counts with default configuration:

- time-demand functions  $t_{m,1}(d) = 120\mu s + \frac{d}{0.13 \frac{\mu m}{\mu s}}$   
and  $t_{m,2}(d) = 120\mu s + \frac{d}{0.55 \frac{\mu m}{\mu s}}$
- an initial filling ratio  $f = 0.5$
- the ratio between total and target size  $r = 1.5$
- a limit to the number of frequencies for both vertical and horizontal AOD of  $n_h = n_v = 16$
- a limit to the total number of generated movable traps  $k = 256$

Every datapoint is generated using 1000 simulations.

Error bars denote  $\pm$  one standard deviation.

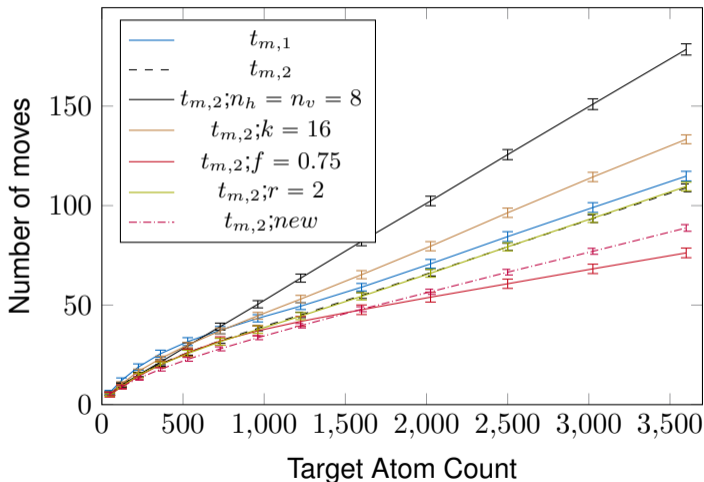


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## Results - Move Count

Average move counts that our rearrangement algorithm generates given different inputs

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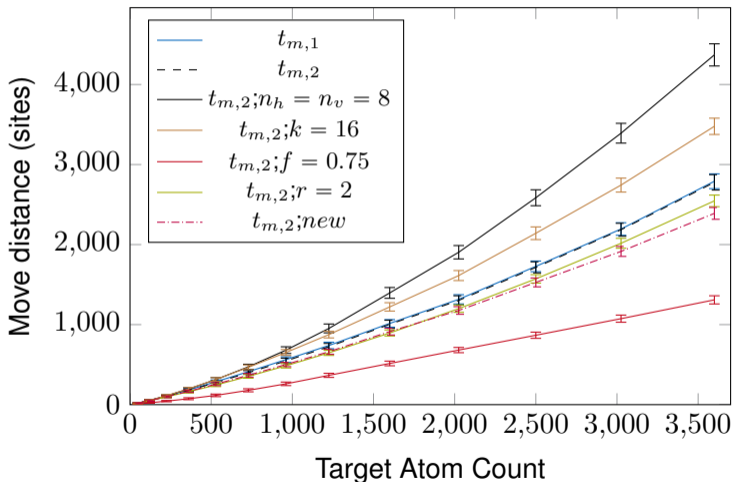


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## Results - Total Move Distance

Average total move distance that our rearrangement algorithm generates given different inputs

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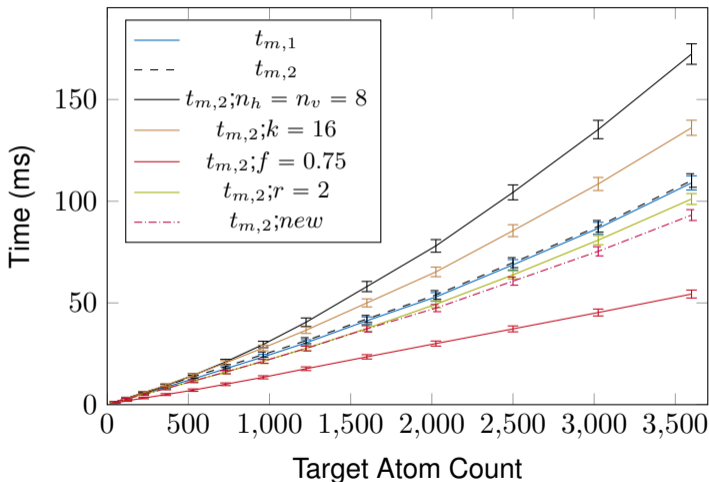
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## Results - Move Execution Time

Average required move execution time using  $t_{m,1}(d)$  to simulate execution time.

Results may vastly differ for different setups.

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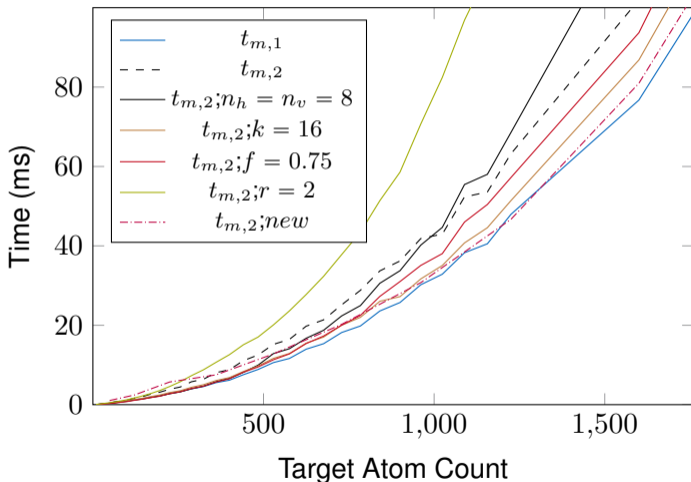


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## Results - Run Time

Average algorithm run time

Algorithm run time currently somewhat limiting



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# Comparison

## AOD

Compared to best found AOD-based alternatives

Under favorable conditions at 400 atoms

- $\approx 33\%$  fewer moves
- $\approx 50\%$  faster move execution
- No other approach shows advantage at any atom count but our run time limits number of qubits

# Comparison

## SLM

Compared to best found SLM-based alternatives

- Constant 60ms for 1000-10000 atoms [Lin et al., 2024]
- Our approach is faster up to around 1000 atoms
- Benefit in move execution time up to around 2000 atoms
- Further SLM hardware improvements to be expected

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# HiPARS

## Highly-Parallel Atom Rearrangement Sequencer

How to efficiently rearrange atoms?

- Complicated holistic approach can be too slow for simple scenarios
- Comprehensive sorting library with specialized solutions for different cases

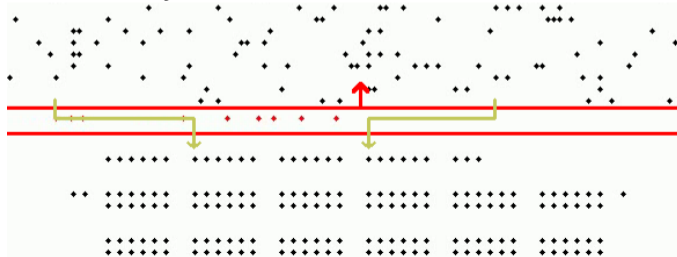
Currently supported:

- ✓ Simple sequential sorting towards fully-filled target
- ✓ Greedy parallel sorting towards arbitrary target geometries
- ✓ Fast parallel sorting for lattice-based setups towards arbitrary target geometries
- × Different geometries (triangle, honeycomb, ...)

# HiPARS

## Lattices

- Much higher atom count
- Much smaller spacings
- Different constraints
- Some atoms may not even be separable reliably
- Greedy approach too complicated
- Stricter by-row movement scheme



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## Future Work

Concerning the parallel tweezer algorithm:

- More sophisticated fitness function
- Different move types and/or system to only investigate certain moves based on configuration/rearrangement stage

Generally:

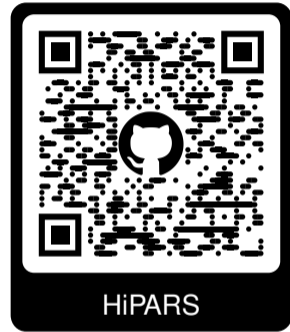
- Different target geometries
- Support even more constraints

## Conclusion

- Outperforms current AOD-based sorting approaches significantly for certain tweezer setups
- Advantage over SLMs on current technology and qubit numbers
- Run time can be a drawback
- More constraints, arbitrary target configurations and geometries to be supported in the future

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